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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/346,923;
Filed: July 2, 1999
For: **Topical Treatment or Prevention of Ocular
Infections**
Inventors: Chandler R. Dawson *et al.*
Our Ref: 03654.0250.US01

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) are the following documents:

1. Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
2. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c);
3. Form PTO-1449 (1 page) with one (1) attached reference;
4. Howrey & Simon check no. 324677 in the amount of \$240.00; and
5. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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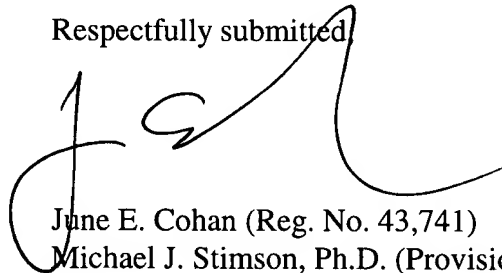
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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing docket number 03654.0250.US01. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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